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SATO et al.)
Application 10/077,163) Art Unit 1634
Filed: February 15, 2002	Examiner Bradley L. Sisson
For: Hybridization Device with a Sheet or A Bottom Convex for Fixedly Placing a Cover Glass Thereon (As Amended))))
Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0058	j
Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	

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[] Preliminary Amendment [] Assignment	
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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This is in response to the office action dated November 4, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on February 4, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: